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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sirs:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed December 21, 2001. A Petition for One Month Extension of Time accompanies this amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--There is a growing interest in recent years for the concept of electronic noses. An electronic nose consists of an array of gas sensors with different selectivity patterns, a signal collecting unit and pattern recognition software applied to a computer. The principle is based on the fact that a large number of different compounds contributes to define a measured odor, the chemical sensor array of the electronic nose then provides a pattern output that represents a synthesis of all the components. The pattern output is given by the selectivities of the various

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